

**A GUIDE  
TO  
BURIAL GROUNDS  
OWNED AND MAINTAINED  
BY THE  
TOWN OF BARRE**



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You, the reader, are perhaps looking for the burial place of an ancestor or relative. It is possible that your search will not be successful even though you have reason to believe that the person in question was interred here in Barre.

As you can see from this brochure there were many family plots that became private associations. Records were not always well kept or were destroyed accidentally. Families moved away, burial yards fell into disuse and often were abandoned to the ravages of nature.

Around the turn of this century a concerted effort was made to encourage resumption of care. Those associations that could no longer do so were asked to turn the funds and perpetual care over to the town. Eventually this was done by nearly all the cemetery associations. The cemeteries were returned to good condition. One person from each association was assigned to decipher and record the inscriptions before they faded from view.

In the interim, many gravestones were lost completely. So there is neither record of the burial nor stone to compensate for the loss.

We are sorry for this loss over which the town had no control, but we congratulate the town for its action in assuming responsibility when they did or much more would have been lost. Since taking charge the town has done a splendid job in keeping these old yards more than presentable.

## **DISTRICT #9 BURIAL GROUNDS**

**LOCATION:** From bandstand in center of town go east on School St., continue 3.0 mi. when you bear left on Gilbert Rd., bear right at next fork. Stop at intersection at 3.85 mi., cemetery is at the end of a lane on your left.

**NAMES:** Bixby, Cowan, Fisk, Gates, Goulding, Hemenway, Holland, Marsh, Mulit, Newton, Parker, Partridge, Rice, Smith, Underwood, Williams, Wood.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** Earliest known burial: 1790.





### **JENKINS BURIAL GROUND**

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town go west on Rte. 122. At 1.5 mi. turn left on Old Hardwick Rd. At fork in road bear right. At next corner right again, cemetery at 3.8 mi. on right.

**NAMES:** Ayres, Cole, Forbes, Green, Hinkley, King, Howland, Jenkins, Mann, Perry, Shattuck, Smith.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** Originally the Jenkins family plot, on land deeded by Abraham Jenkins in 1808. Earliest known burial 1807. More land deeded by Benjamin Whiting 9/17/1842.

## **HATHAWAY BURIAL GROUNDS ( OR DISTRICT # 10)**

**LOCATION:** From bandstand in the center of town go west on Rte 122, at 2.9 mi. turn left on Dana Rd. continue until 4.7 mi. when you turn left on Spring Hill Road. Go past the Barre Sportsmen's Club, cemetery is on left at 5.25 mi.

**NAMES:** Briggs, Clark, Edson, Flagg, Gorham, Giffin, Hathaway, Haven, Lindsey, Parlin, Rand, Taylor, Whiting.





## LEE BURIAL GROUNDS

**LOCATION:** from the bandstand in the center of town go South on South St. Take first right on Wauwinet Rd. Cemetery is beyond pond on right hand side at 2.0 mi. from starting point.

**NAMES:** Ainsworth, Atwood, Allen, Babbitt, Bacon, Cole, Davis, Ellsworth, Farrar, Holden, Hinkley, Howe, Lee, Luce, Lawrence, Lowe, Marshall, Robinson, Sears, Taylor, Tooley, Walker, Wallace, Willard.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** Originally a Lee family plot, by another branch of the family that had the nearby Lee Tomb. This yard was arranged for by Samuel & David Lee, Josiah D. Holden, and Daniel Bacon in 1831. Earliest burial August 25, 1819.

## **ADAMS BURIAL GROUNDS**

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town go south on South St. passing in front of St. Joseph's Church. At 2.95 mi. at foot of long hill, cemetery is on your right.

**PRINCIPAL NAMES:** Adams, Barrett, Barrows, Babbitt, Cleveland, Cook, Clark, Danforth, Fay, Fisher, Glazier, Holbrook, Kelly, Lane, Rice, Sibley, Loring, Marsh, Moore, Nye, Patrick, Prince, Robinson, Reed, Smith, Stone, Taft, Thresher, Thomas, Winslow, Woodbury, White, Wadsworth, Whipple.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** Owned and maintained by the Adams Association until 1950, when land and funds were accepted by the town. On part of the original Adams farm where the family lived for several generations. Katey Reed widow of Nimrod Reed and her two sons, Prince Orison and Isaac are buried here. Earliest burial, 5 May, 1778.





## PARKER/BARRE FALLS BURIAL GROUND

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town drive east on Rte. 62 crossing the Hubbardston line. Turn right at the entrance to the Barre Falls Dam. Keep traveling across the dam, cemetery is on the left where the pavement ends.

**NAMES:** Appleton, Holbrook, Howe, Knight, Parker, Varney.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Over sixty burials here, many gravestones lost. Town accepted endowment and care in 1908.

## **HEMENWAY BURIAL GROUNDS**

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town go east on School St., up Christian Hill, continue 3.0 mi. to Gilbert Road where you bear left, then right at the fork, and through the intersection at 3.85 mi. Past next house, cemetery is on right at 4.0 mi.

**NAMES:** Hemenway, Holland

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** Family plot, seven graves. Town assumed care and fund, March, 1909.





## LINCOLN BURIAL GROUNDS

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town go north on Pleasant Street. At .7 mi. opposite Washburn Road, the cemetery is on the right.

**PRINCIPAL NAMES:** Ainsworth, Allen, Ames, Atwood, Babbitt, Baker, Bangs, Bassett, Bates, Bent, Bigelow, Blakely, Bowker, Brock, Bullard, Burt, Carruth, Cheney, , Clark, Cobb, Coleman, Conant, Dennis, Dench, Dickinson, Eames, Eaton, Felton, Field, Fisk, Freeman, Garfield,

Gates, Gleason, Green, HAmilton, Hammond,  
Hancock, Hastings, HAwes, Holland, Howland,  
Jackson, Jamerson, Johnson, King, Lamb,  
Lincoln, Lowe, McClanathan, Makepeace, Mead,  
Miller, Moore, Newton, Osgood, Olin, Parker,  
Plummer, Perter, Rice, Richardson, Rider,  
Robinson, Rogers, Ruggles, Shattuck, Sherman,  
Sibley, Smith, Spooner, Stevens, Thomas,  
Thompson, Underwood, Wheeler, Wilder, Wilson,  
Winslow, Woods.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** The land for this burial yard was sold to Joshua Osgood in 1763 by Noah Sparhawk. In 1877 an addition was acquired from John Wheeler Weston who owned the farm to the north. There were some burials of Roman Catholics in the left rear of the cemetery. The town accepted funds and care in March of 1924.





## CALDWELL BURIAL GROUNDS

**LOCATION:** From bandstand in the center of town go south on Rtes. 122 & 32. Take first left, down steep, use caution going through intersection, proceed across, then take second left after the intersection. this will be Fruitland Road. At the top of the hill, cemetery is on your right, gravestones are not visible from the car.

**PRINCIPAL NAMES:** Boise, Bacon, Black, Caldwell, Craige, Fobes, Hamilton, Henry, Holden, Jones, Lee, Mors, McPherson, Metcalf, Nurss, Oliver.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** Earliest known burial 1746. Land deeded by John Caldwell in 1792. Tradition says this was also a burial ground for Indians. Estimates are that there are over 100 burials in this yard but only 69 stones have been repaired and deciphered. Twenty five bear records that do not appear in town records.

## **JANE KING BURIAL YARD**

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town head west on Rte 122. At 3.9 mi. turn left at trailer park. Proceed .6 mi. and bear left on dirt road, cemetery is .2 mi. on L.

**NAMES:** King, Kelly, Trow.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** A small family plot with just six graves. Earliest known burial Mar 30, 1856.





## **HIGH PLAINS BURIAL GROUNDS**

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town take Rte. 32 south. Turn right by large factory complex. At 3.6 mi. turn left onto High Plains Road. Cemetery is at the top of the rise on the right.

**NAMES:** Felton, Heywood, King, Nye, Parker, Pratt.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Pratt and Heywood were early manufacturers at the Plains. Pratt built the canal and the mill pond. Felton, a tavern keeper, married into the Pratt family.

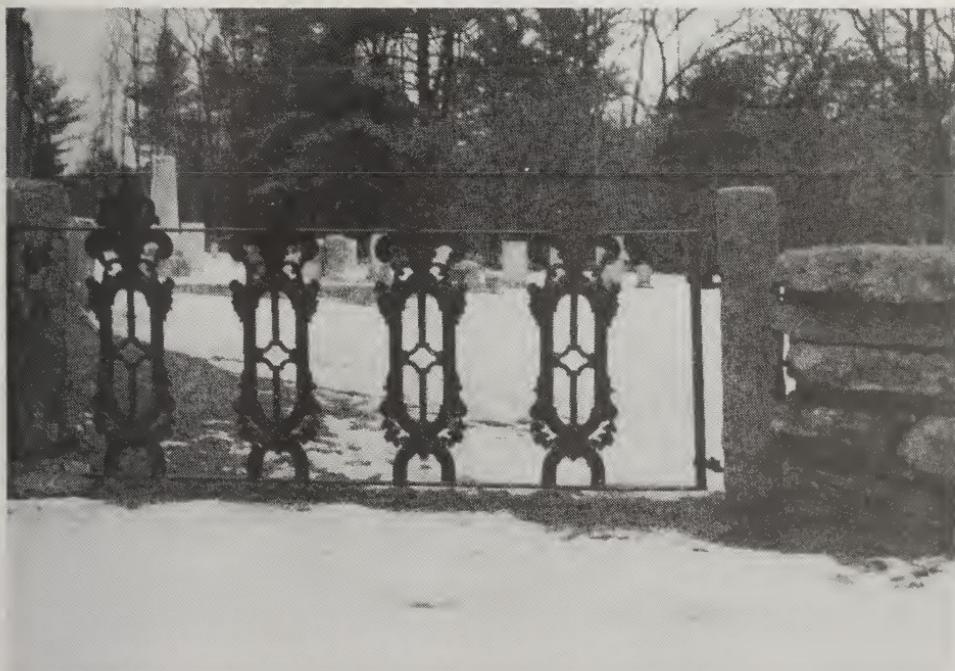
## **KENDALL PLAINS BURIAL GROUNDS**

**LOCATION:** From bandstand in the center of town go South on Rtes. 122 & 32. Take first left, down over "steep" use caution even though you have the right of way at four-way intersection. Cross that intersection, and with fairgrounds on your right, watch for the cemetery on your left at 1.2 mi. from starting point.

**NAMES:** Adams, Bemis, Bacon, Brown, Caldwell, Conant, Dickinson, Davis, Field, Harwood, Houghton, Holden, Henry, Kendall, Knight, McFarland, Maynard, Nurs, Peck, Pond, Scott, Woods, Wetherly.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** One of the first families in this area were the Kendalls, and this flat region was called Kendall Plain. It is likely that the land where this yard is located was owned by the Kendalls.

Earliest known burial June 15, 1811.





## DISTRICT #4 BURIAL GROUNDS

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town go north east on School St. At top of the hill at 1.6 mi. bear right on Farrington Rd. Cemetery is on the left at 1.8 mi.

**PRINCIPAL NAMES:** Adams, Bacon, Brigham, Fessenden, Gates Holland, Hemenway, Jackson, Kidder, Lawrence, Mason, Mulit, Oliver, Rice, Robinson, Spooner, Sheldon, Wheelock, Whiting.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** Earliest known burial: June 30, 1820. Originally a family yard for the Rices and neighbors. Enlarged 1864. Town accepted funds and care March 1919. Addition again in 1954 from Alfred and Ivy Cummings.

## COLDBROOK BURIAL GROUND

**LOCATION:** From bandstand in the center of town go southeast on Route 122. As you pass the MDC intake at 4.0 mi. (gray stone building on the right) prepare for a left turn at 4.4 mi. where you turn left on to a barely passable dirt lane. Bear left past a yellow gate and about 100 yards further on the cemetery is on the left.

**NAMES:** Allen, Blake, Briggs, Butterfield, Babcock, Broad, Bemis, Coleman, Clark, Felch, Green, Hodge, Howard, Kelly, McCulloch, Moore, Needham, Parker, Pierce, Perry, Partridge, Ross, Ripley, Washburn, Wilder, Young.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** Originally a burial yard associated with the Baptist Church that stood nearby on the banks of the Ware River. There was a parsonage between the church and the cemetery. An association was formed in 1908 and the land was acquired from Hiram S. Harwood; earliest burial 1847, town accepted care in 1962.





## RIVERSIDE BURIAL GROUND

**LOCATION:** From bandstand in the center of town go east on Rte 62. At 2.9 mi. at the foot of a steep hill turn right on dirt road (Granger Rd.) At 4.0 mi. at large old farmhouse with a gambrel roof, turn left, continue until you reach wooden arch over entrance.

**PRINCIPAL NAMES:** Adams, Allen, Bridges, Broad, Brigham Black, Clark, Crawford, Davis, Desper, Fessenden, Gates, Gleason, Harwood, Harding, Holden, Holland, Johnson, Lackey, Leathers, Lincoln, Monroe, Morrow, Newcomb, Oliver, Partridge, Parker, Reynolds, Richardson, Rawson, Sibley, Tucker, Twichell, Ware, Winslow, Ware, Wood, Young.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:** earliest known burial 1800. Addition 1880, fund and care accepted by town 1909.



## **BUCKMINSTER YARD OR SOUTH BURIAL GROUNDS**

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town go S on South St. passing in front of St. Joseph's Church. At .75 mi. just beyond Wauwinet rd. on R. side of road. Park on opposite side of road on the grassy verge of the curve so your vehicle can be seen by cars traveling in both directions.

**NAMES:** Adams, Buckminster, Bacon, Bixby, Bigelow, Childs, Caldwell, Dana, Green, Lee, Hamilton, Henry, Howe, Holden, Johnson, Jenkins, Jennison, Jones, Loring, Mason, Moore, Nurse, Perry, Rainger, Rice, Ripley, Robinson, Russell, Stone, Soule, Walker.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Col. Buckminster of Bunker Hill fame is buried here.

## **OTHER GRAVEYARDS**

In addition to these cemeteries, there are two family plots, now believed to be empty. These are plots of the Williams family and the Bassett family. Research shows all those known to be buried in these yards have been removed to other graveyards and others in the families were all interred elsewhere.

Plots set aside for the White family, the Felton family, and Mulit family can no longer be located.

Two graveyards in town are under the jurisdiction of private organizations.

### **ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY**

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of the town go south on 122 and 32. At the Quabbin Plaza take 32 which bears to the right. Almost immediately the gates are on the right. This cemetery is under the care and control of the Roman Catholic Diocese.

### **GLEN VALLEY CEMETERY**

**LOCATION:** From the bandstand in the center of town go east on Rte 62. At the foot of the first hill turn right on Valley Road. Cemetery is on the left after a short distance. There is a long winding drive. The association has been selling and maintaining sites for over a hundred years..

As these two cemeteries are not public, a list of frequent names is not readily available and because of the size would be difficult to list in a small brochure.